



CEASE NETWORK COOK COUNTY, CHICAGO IL



Addressing Demand: Holding Customers Accountable in the Sex Trade



The "Johns " Ordinance

- ✓ In December 2008, Sheriff Dart championed a new Cook County ordinance pertaining to the local sex trade
- ✓ Individuals found soliciting paid sex on the street, via Internet, electronic communication device or print media will be held liable for a public morals nuisance violation and fined not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000

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- ✓ Fines collected are deposited in the Women's Justice Services Fund and used to fund rehabilitation services
- ✓ The services include mental health and substance abuse treatment and are provided to victims in recovery by the Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs (SWJP)

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- ✓ 60% CCSOSWJP
- ✓ 40% Cook County Juvenile Girls Detention
- ✓ Approximately \$300,000 collected

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- ✓ In addition to the fines, a violator may be required to perform a minimum of 100 hours of community service in a program under the direction of the Sheriff
- ✓ Any motor vehicle used in this violation is also subject to seizure and impoundment, resulting in additional administrative charges and fees

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Tactics

- Reverse Stings
- Public Awareness
- Education
- Community Partnerships
- Male Allies
- Technology
- Collaboration
- Survivor Voices